

**Embassy of India
Yerevan**

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APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT OF A PIO CARD

[**Note:** Acceptance of application form does not confer any right on the applicant to the PIO card.]

1. a. Name of applicant: _____
b. Surname at birth (if any): _____
Other names (where applicable): _____
Date and Place of birth:
(Town, city, country): _____
2. Name & nationality of:
a. Father: _____
b. Mother: _____
c. Name of husband/wife: _____
3. Present Address (with telephone numbers): _____

Permanent address: _____
Address in India (verifiable): _____
4. Profession or occupation: _____
5. Business/Office address: _____
6. Male/Female: _____
7. Marital Status: Married / Unmarried: _____
8. Nationality (at time of birth): _____
9. Present nationality (if different): _____
Date on which acquired: _____
10. Applicant's Passport number: _____ Date of Issue: _____
Date of expiry: _____ Place of issue : _____
Country which issued the passport: _____

11. Mark of identification _____

12. Does the applicant hold dual nationality:
(if so, please give details of all passports held etc.)

13. Did applicant at any time hold nationality of any country other than the present nationality, if so, please give details?

14. If applicant or either of his/her parents or grandparents or great grandparents held an Indian passport at, time, if so - please give details thereof:

a. Passport Number: _____

b. Date of issue: _____

c. Place of issue: _____

d. Date of expiry: _____

(Enclose photocopy of relevant documents)

15. Whether applicant or either of his/her parents or any of his/her grandparents or great grandparents were born and were permanently resident in territories falling in present day India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, as on the date of the notification of the Scheme, i.e. 30.3.1999, the following details may be indicated:

i. Date & place of birth: _____

ii. Proof of residence etc.: _____

(Enclose photocopy of relevant documents)

(Note: If applicant is the spouse of a citizen of India or of a person who or either of whose parents, grand parents or great grand parents were born and were permanent resident in territories falling in the present day India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, his/her full particulars including date and place of birth, proof of residence , nationalities held and passport details (previous and present may be given)

16. Has applicant ever been refused Indian passport/travel document or visa for visiting India, if so give complete details: (i.e Place & date of application, purpose, reasons for refusal, etc.)

17. Details of previous PIO Card (wherever applicable):

a. Date of issue: _____

b. Date of expiry: _____

c. Place of issue: _____

18. Name & complete addresses with telephone Nos. of two persons living in India who are known to the applicant:

1) a. Name: _____

b. Complete postal address: _____

c. Telephone No: _____

2) a. Name: _____

b. Complete postal address: _____

c. Telephone No: _____

19. Details and mode of payment of fee: _____

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief**.

Signature of the applicant.

Two specimen signature of applicant (**with ballpoint pen**):

Note: Please sign or affix the thumb impression inside the box.

1. Please enclose all the relevant documents substantiating your claim as a person of Indian origin. (Please also see Cols. 13 and 14). (Birth certificate/ school certificate/copy of Indian passport etc.)

2. Attach 3 recent passport size coloured photographs.

3. Original Passport with a validity of minimum one year.

4. Enclose Police Clearance Certificate of the applicant issued by the authorities.

5. For children who are not able to sign, their right thumb impression must be provided in the boxes.

**Furnishing of false information will result in summary rejection of the application.

Note: The PIO card fee for adults is Indian Rs.15,000/- (to be paid in equivalent US\$ and for children up to age 18 years is Rs. 7500/- (to be paid in equivalent US\$). Please contact Embassy to know the correct amount equivalent to US\$ as it varies every month due to fluctuation in exchange rates).

Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) Cards

On March 31, 1999, the Government introduced PIO cards for persons of Indian origin having foreign passports and living abroad (in specified countries).

The benefits:

- No visa required for visiting India during the validity period of the card. This exemption includes "student visa" or "employment visa" required for admissions in colleges/institutions or for taking up employment, respectively.
- Exemption from the requirement of registration if the stay on any single visit in India does not exceed 180 days. In the event of continuous stay in India exceeding 180 days, the PIO card holder has to get registered within 30 days of the expiry of 180 days. This registration is valid up to the validity of the visa in the case of NRIs and the validity of PIO card in the case of PIOs.
- Special counters at the immigration check posts for speedy clearance.

Parity with:

NRIs in respect of facilities available in the economic, financial and educational fields;
NRI quotas under the various housing schemes of LIC, state government and other government agencies;

Children of NRIs for getting admission to educational institutions in India including medical colleges, engineering colleges, institutes of technology, institute of management, etc, under the general categories;

NRIs in respect of all facilities in the matter of acquisition, holding, transfer and disposal of immovable properties in India except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural/plantation properties.

No parity shall be allowed in the sphere of political rights.

Where to apply

An application for the issue or renewal of the card can be made in the prescribed form accompanied with the fee and documentary evidence to show that the applicant is a person of Indian origin as defined.

These forms can be obtained from the office of the Indian embassies or Indian missions in the country where the applicant is an ordinary resident.

A PIO card is valid for 15 years from the date of issue, subject to the validity of the applicant's passport.

FEE

The card attracts a fee of Rs 15,000 (US \$ 365/=) for adults and Rs 7,500 (or its equivalent in Forex), for children up to 18 years of age.

Prior to June 11, 2002, the fee was US\$1,000 for adults and US\$ 500 for children. These were valid for a period of 20 years. Those who have been issued cards prior to this date, will continue to remain valid and no refund will be paid.

However, the validity of such cards can be extended by 10 more years without charging any additional fee. Earlier, if the application was rejected, half the fee was refundable.

Gratis PIO card

A gratis PIO Card may be issued to an exceptionally eminent person of Indian origin who plays an important role in building bridges between India and the country of his/her adoption, if he/she expresses a desire to obtain the PIO card.

If you lose it

On a request supported by the FIR and other documents, a duplicate PIO card can be issued on depositing a fee of \$100.

Duplicate PIO cards will be issued by the same office that issued the original one.
